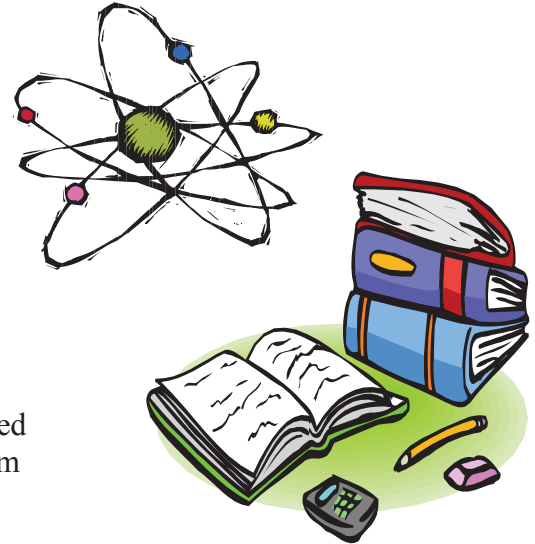


Classes by Mrs. Janet Highman

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Personal History

My name is Janet Highman. My husband and I are 1979 graduates of Cedarville College, now Cedarville University, where I received my teaching degree. Married for 30 years (this June), we have been blessed by the Lord to be able to train our own children at home, and now I am helping other families in their home schooling pursuits. I have been teaching at Teenworks and now at the PTC since 2000. I count it a privilege to serve the home schooling community, and in so doing, serve the Lord.

5/6 Science

We will start the year by taking an in-depth look at photosynthesis. We dissect flowers to see the parts, and we will learn the jobs God gave to the roots, the stems, the flowers, and the fruit! This leads naturally into the study of trees.

Students will enjoy their opportunity to make a tree poster and present their study of their favorite tree to the class. Next we will take a look at the classification system, especially targeting insects and other invertebrates. Each student will produce an insect project where they draw two insects from each order and list their characteristics. This is a project they will want to keep!

A look at one-celled organisms is next. Students will make a one-dimensional model of a cell and label its parts.

The earth's structure is studied and students will put together an interesting puzzle which shows earth's plate boundaries and where they come together. This gives insight into the understanding of earthquake activity and volcanoes as well.

This study lends itself to the study of rocks and metals and fuels, earth's natural resources. Next we look outward toward the stars as we have fun with a few common constellations and learn how to find others. We also plan to make a fold-up poster of the planets as we study them.

Throughout the year I encourage working with charts and graphs to become more comfortable with these means of showing data. Some of the homework will be working with graphs of different kinds.

We end the year with an introduction to simple chemistry and fun experiments with simple, everyday acids and bases.

Text: *Observing God's World*, ABeka

Copy fee: \$5.00 payable to tutor with August payment.

5/6 English

5/6 English is a stepping stone to 7/8 English. This class will shore up the student's basic English skills by revisiting the parts of speech along with simple diagraming. Grammar and writing skills will be stressed, along with spelling, especially word pairs (pares), (pears), which are easily confused! (And spell-check will not catch these!)

It is my hope that students will catch the theme that words are vitally important, since God communicated to us using words, and sent his Son, The Word, to save his people from their sins.

Text:

Easy Grammar Grade 5 Student Workbook, ISBN 978-0-936981- \$13.95

Daily Grams: Grade 5 Workbook, ISBN 978-0-936981-38-5, \$12.95

Copy fee: \$5.00, which can be included with the August payment.

I am presently in Jerseyville, IL, but if you have questions I can be reached by my cell phone: 618-550-1965. This number will be good probably at least until mid-April, but maybe longer